Ployester Fibre by Indian Explosives Limited

1444. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the installed capacity of IEL Ltd., Plant for polyester fibre;

(b) what was the actual production during 1986 (ending 31st December, 1986) of polyester fibre in I.E.L. Ltd.; and

(c) what were the total sales through all the IEL Ltd. outlets during 1986 (ending 31st December, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The installed capaity of IEL Ltd., Plant for Polyester Staple Fibre is 10,000 tonnes per annum.

(b) The actual production during 1986 of Polyester Staple Fibre was about 10,300 tonnes.

(c) The total States during 1986 was around 10,000 tonnes.

Shortage of Energy

1445. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is facing a stupendous task in bridging the gap of demand and supply of energy in future; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Shortages of varying degrees might be faced in some parts of the country at the end of the Seventh Plan period. A number of measures have been taken to bridge the gap between supply and demand. These include accelerating the commissioning of on-going projects, improving the Plant Load Factor by renovating and modernising power stations, addition of short gestation capacity, reduction of transmission and distribution losses and energy conservation measures.

Missing Truck carrying LPG Cylinders

1446. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a truck carrying LPG cylinders was recently stolen in Jalandhar; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the action taken to recover the stolen refills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 16-2-1987, a truck belonging to a transport contractor of Indian Oil Corporation and carrying 360 empty LPG cylinders, was hijacked near the Jalandhar bye-pass after the driver and cleaner were stabbed. Based on the complaint lodged by IOC the police has registered a case, is investigating the same and has located the truck at Dasua, but 258 cylinders were found short.

Wastage of Coal in Mechanised Collieries

1447. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thin seams of coal are found in between the rocks in mechanised collieries in Katharod and Rajrappa of CCL;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that these thin seams of coal are often dug out by those doing illegal mining; and

(c) if so, whether the CCL has any plan to exploit this coal using smaller machines?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) The occurrence of thin as well as thick seams of coal in the coal bearing rocks is a common feature in the Indian coalfields. Thin seams of coal also occur in Kathara and Rajrappa opencast mines of CCL. No incidene of illegal mining in these projects has been reported.

The method of mining in these two opencast mines, by and large, takes care of extraction of thin seams alongwith thick seams.

Deletion of some Items from the Reserved List

1448. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to delete 13 items from the list reserved exclusively for production in the small scale sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details of these 13 items and reasons for their deletion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India, *vide* their notification dated the 13th February, 1987, have dereserved 13 items from the list of items reserved for exclusive production in the small scale sector.

(b) The following items were dereserved as per Government notification dated the 13th February, 1987:

1. Table Fans.
2. T. V. Games.
3. Pick up cartridges.
4. Radio and T. V. Coils.
5. Assembly of Loudspeakers.
6. Invertors and convertors upto 500 volts amperes.
7. Regulated DC power supplies upto 0.01 per cent Regulation.
8. Wire-wound resistors other than professional types.
9. I. F. Transformers.
10. Rear view Mirror-Auto.
11. Fuel lines—Auto.
12. Cycle Dynamos.
13. Projectors including slide and overhead projectors but excluding profile Projectors.

Among others, the following industries are generally considered for dereservation:

I. Industries where large imports are being allowed and/or where large scale smuggling may be taking place.

II. Industries in high technology areas or those requiring greater impetus for promoting exports which should necessarily be of large size in order to reduce costs and be competitive internationally.

III. Industries where because of constraints on size, the small scale sector is unable to ensure quality production and cannot induct modern technology.

Public Issue Campaign by Apple Leasing and Industries Limited

1449. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent advertising campaign launched by M/s. Apple Leasing and Industries Limited for their new public issue where company has claimed that its foreign collaborator, N.C.C. of U.K., spends equivalent of Rs. 360 crores on research, development and other activities annually;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to verify this claim in the light